



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS

DEVELOPMENT MEETING and STUDY SESSION

**Wednesday, January 17, 2007
5:30 p.m.**

**Southside Community and Senior Center
Edenvale (Multi-Purpose) Room
5585 Cottle Road
San José, CA 95123**

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DEVELOPMENT MEETING

1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

This meeting was preceded by the Citizen Oversight Committee for the Safe Neighborhood Parks and Recreation Bond (Measure P) at 5:10 p.m. The development meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Chapman, Richardson, Flaughner, Hamilton, Harding, Kim, Ruiz, and Swineford

Absent: Commissioner Matsushima

2 ORDERS OF THE DAY

None.

3 CEREMONIAL ITEM

3.1 Introduction of New Commissioner Leslee Hamilton

Chair Chapman introduced newly appointed Commissioner Leslee Hamilton.

4 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Public Hearing to Name a Ball Field at Selma Olinder Park (890 E. Williams Street), "Christian Jimenez Memorial Ball Field"

This item was deferred.

5.2 Approval of the Master Plan of the Turnkey Park Site Located at Goble Lane and Monterey Highway

Landscape Architect Marybeth Carter introduced Landscape Architect Tung Tran, from ROEM Development (the developer), who gave a brief presentation. At a previous meeting, the master plan had been reviewed in detail.

Discussion included signage and identification as a public park, shade elements, parking, security, skateboarding, no improved storm-water management facilities on the park, bicycle racks, and fencing.

Public comments were heard from two speakers:

1. Concern that there was no restroom proposed because there were amenities such as picnic areas and barbecues that would presume park users stay of several hours. Staff responded that informal guidelines do not require a restroom at a park of this type.
2. a) Because this park displaced a low-income mobile-home park and is in an industrial area, there was a question of the percentage of low-income residents who would have to travel a distance to use this park (their closest park) but lack transportation. The developer responded that there would be entry-level-market housing.
b) Concern that the park was next to a quarry, which would make the park difficult to use when the quarry was operating. The developer responded that there will be a five-story, 50- to 60-foot-wide building that would minimize dust, noise and visibility; and give the feeling of being in a corridor.

Chair Chapman temporarily suspended a motion on this item to take a joint motion with item 5.3. See item 5.3 for the motion.

5.3 Public Hearing to Name a Turnkey Park Site Located at Goble Lane and Monterey Highway

Three nominations were received: Montecito Vista Park, Montecito Vista Village Green, and Montecito Vista Urban Village Commons. The name Montecito Vista Park was favored because it included the term "Park," which is associated and consistent with park

names.

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford and seconded by Commissioner Ruiz that 1) the master plan for the turnkey park site located at Goble Lane and Monterey Highway be approved and recommended to the City Council; and 2) the name “Montecito Vista Park” be recommended to the City Council.

Commissioner Ruiz moved to amend the motion for the master plan to include directional signage to the park along Monterey Highway. Vice Chair Richardson seconded and the amended motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Swineford requested staff to follow up regarding the feasibility of a charter amendment to give authority to the Commission on City-owned facility naming with the Council as an appeal body.

5.4 Selection of a Commission Representative and Alternate to Serve on the Sports Fields Study Committee

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz and approved unanimously that Vice Chair Richardson act as representative and Chair Chapman as alternate to serve on the Sports Fields Study Committee.

The development meeting concluded at 6:45 p.m. and was immediately followed by the study session.